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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA - ITEM 59: UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

1. SUMMARY: ON OCTOBER 21, SECOND COMMITTEE HEARD 12
SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. COMMON THEME WAS NEED FOR UNEP
TO FOCUS ITS ACTIVITIES BUT THE CUMULATION OF
INDIVIDUAL AREAS OF PRIORITY COVERED A WIDE RANGE.
END SUMMARY.

2. SECOND DAY OF SECOND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF
THIS ITEM HEARD STATEMENTS BY NETHERLANDS, MALTA,
UKRAINE, GDR, FRANCE, INDONESIA, JAPAN, MADAGASCAR, CHILE,
TOGO, POLAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. COMMON THEME RUNNING THROUGH ALL STATEMENTS WAS THE
NEED FOR UNEP TO FOCUS ITS ACTIVITIES ON A SMALL NUMBER
OF HIGH PRIORITY AREAS; HOWEVER, INDICATIONS OF WHAT
INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES CONSIDERED TO BE OF HIGH PRIORITY
COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE,
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(A) NETHERLANDS: PUBLIC EDUCATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, EARTHWATCH AND OUTER-LIMITS PROGRAM,
ENERGY GENERATION AND USE, AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;
(B) UKRAINE: DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES;
(C) GDR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS
OF FOOD PLANNING, LOW WASTE TECHNOLOGIES FOR RESOURCE
UTILIZATION, AND ENVIRONMENT IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING;
(D) FRANCE: MARINE ENVIRONMENT, WATER RESOURCES,
GENETIC RESOURCES AND DESERTIFICATION;
(E) INDONESIA: PUBLIC INFORMATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,
AND EARTHWATCH;
(F) JAPAN: WORLD ENVIRONMENT MONITORING SYSTEM, INTER-
NATIONAL REFERRAL SYSTEM, DESERTIFICATION, AND HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS;
(G) MADAGASCAR: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND NATURAL CATASTROPHES;
(H) TOGO: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER POLLUTION, AND SOIL
EROSION;
(I) POLAND: WATER POLLUTION, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION,
DESERTIFICATION, INFORMATION EXCHANGE, SOCIAL COOPERATION,
INLAND WATER POLLUTION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.

4. MOST STATEMENTS WERE STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH ONLY THE
SOVIET BLOC VEERING OFF INTO THE POLITICS OF DISARMAMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT. CZECHS WERE MOST OUTSPOKEN
ACCUSING IMPERIALIST COLONIALIST POWERS OF TURNING
ENVIRONMENT ISSUES INTO A POLITICAL FOOTBALL WHILE
THEMSELVES BEING THE MOST GUILTY OF VIOLATING BASIC
PRINCIPLES (E.G., USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN
INDO-CHINA, STOCKPILING CHEMICAL WEAPONS, OVER-
CONSUMPTION OF RESOURCES, ETC.).

5. ALL SPEAKERS TOUCHED ON HABITAT, GENERALLY
FAVORABLY. SOVIET BLOC, HOWEVER, QUESTIONED THE LEVEL
OF EXPENDITURES AND IN GENERAL SUGGESTED THAT THE
PREPARATIONS ARE INADEQUATE.
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